HELIOS:FEMINA

A Crown of Thorns

This...

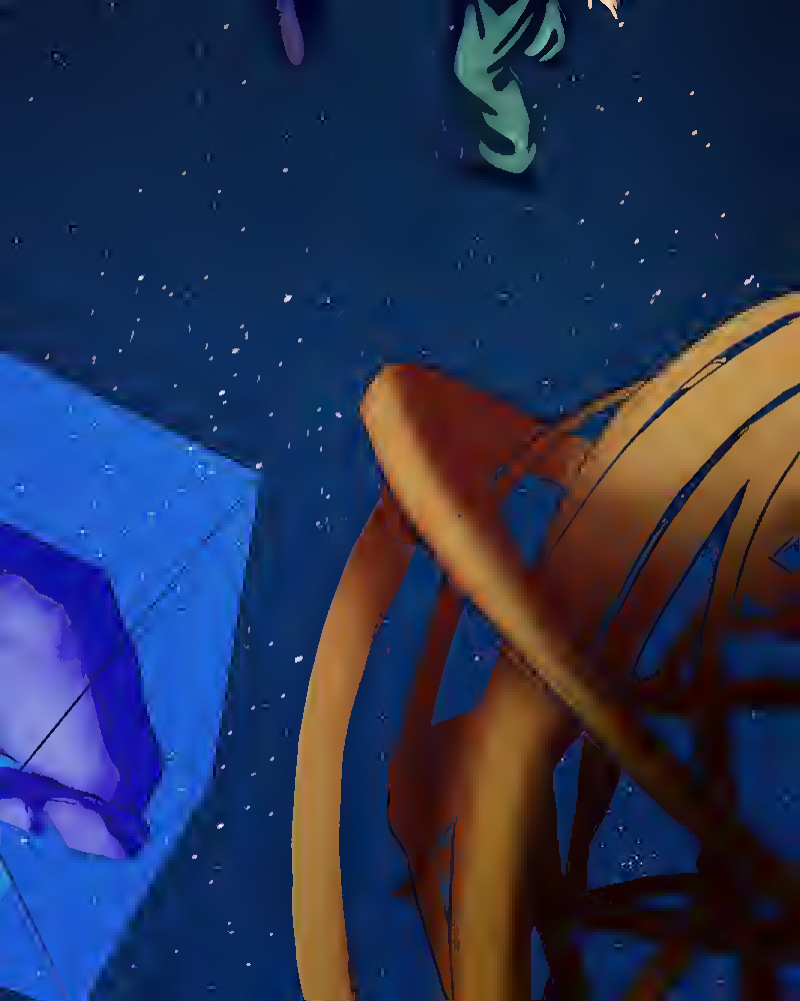
...is all yours?

Naturally.

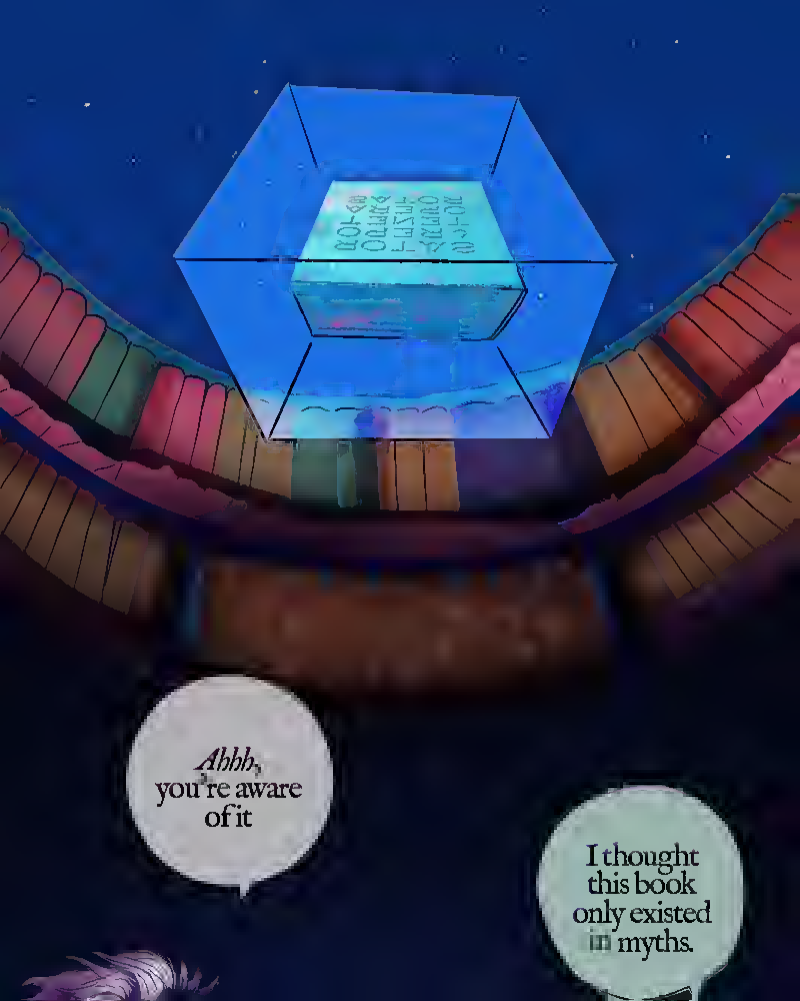
Haha, you're so cute.

Like a kid in a candy shop.

Is that?



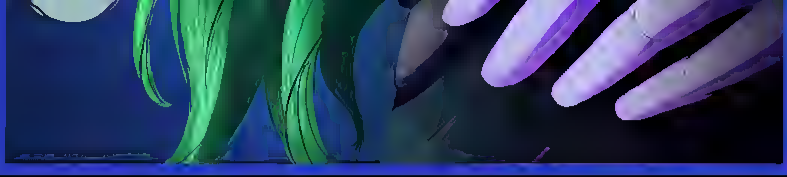
The Crystal Grimoire of Sator?


Ahhh,
you're aware
of it
I thought
this book
only existed
in myths.

I never thought I'd see one with my very own eyes.

How did you find this?
It was a birthday gift,
from a close relative of mine who likes to go treasure hunting.
SATOR AREPO

TENET
OPERA
ROTAS.
The creator above govern the wheels of creation.
Wow.



Sophie,

would you care to read it?

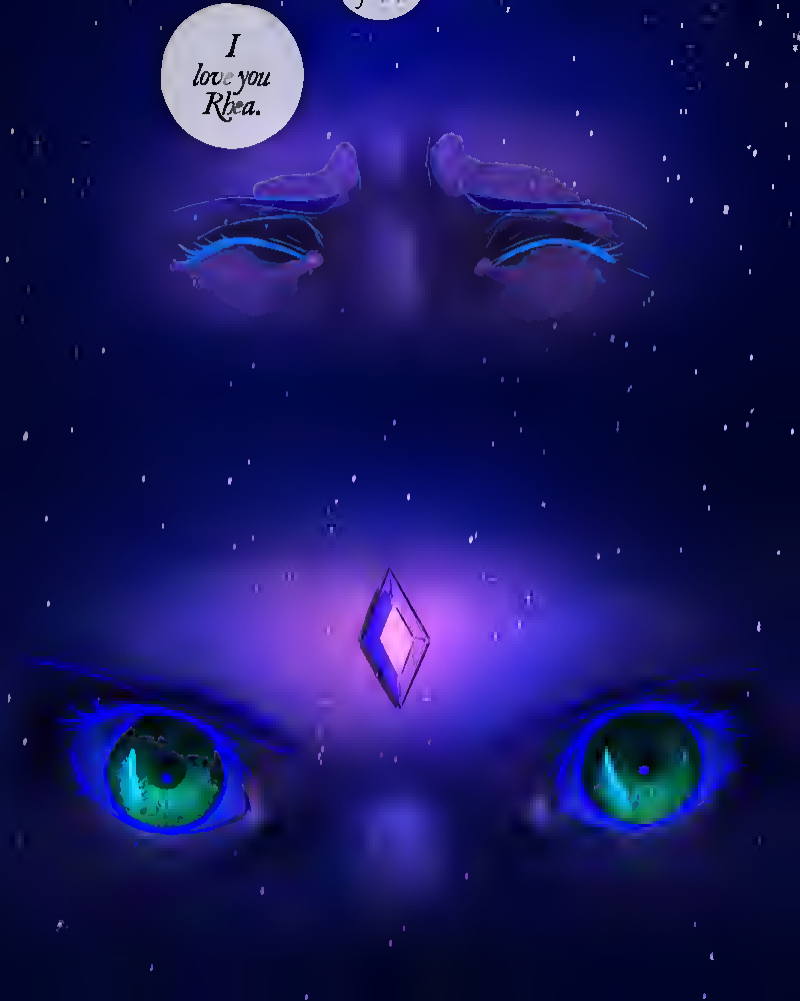
I guess it doesn't hurt to give this telepathy thing a try.

Mom, if you can hear me,
please...
be okay.
I love you.
...

Rhea?
Rhea is that you?
Mom?
I hear you, but I don't see you.

MOM!
I'm speaking to you telepathically!
Telepathy?
Where are you?!

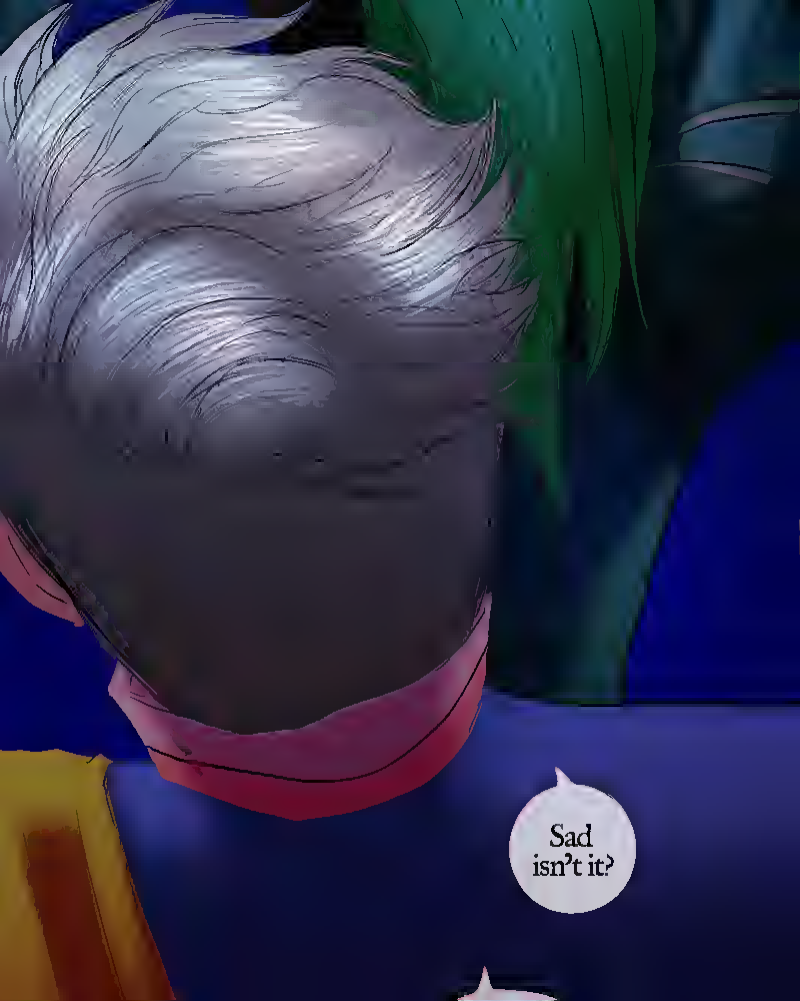
I snuck into Ash's palace.
Rhea, you must leave now.
Raven Core is here.
If they find out that you're here,
they'll take you too.
I'll be fine.


I love you Rhea.

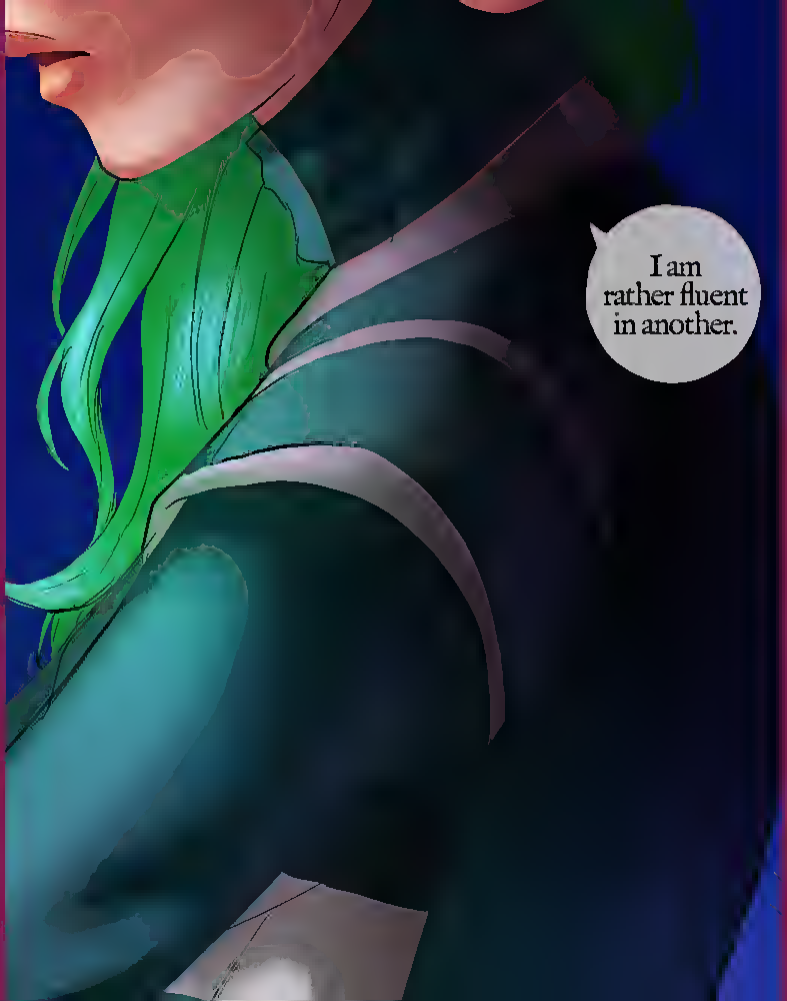
Mom,
I'm coming
to find you.
Where are you going?

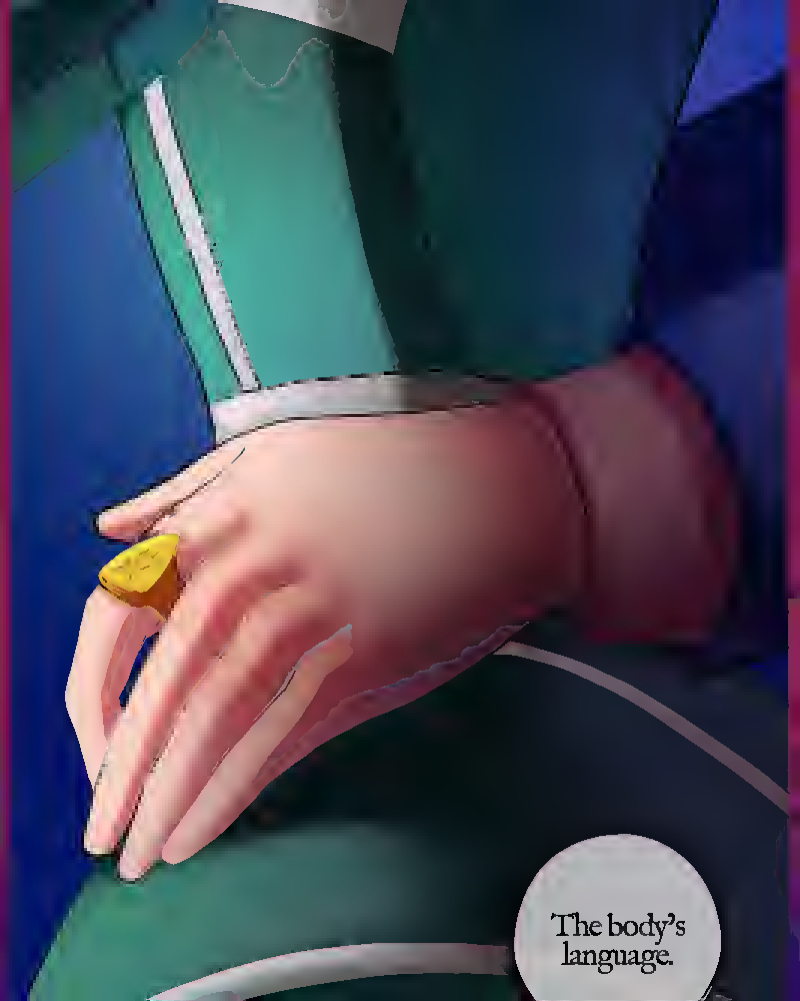
No where, and don't follow me.

No one has been able to decipher this yet?


Sad
isn't it?

A wondrous book, written in a language few can read.
Although I'm unfamiliar with *this* dialect,

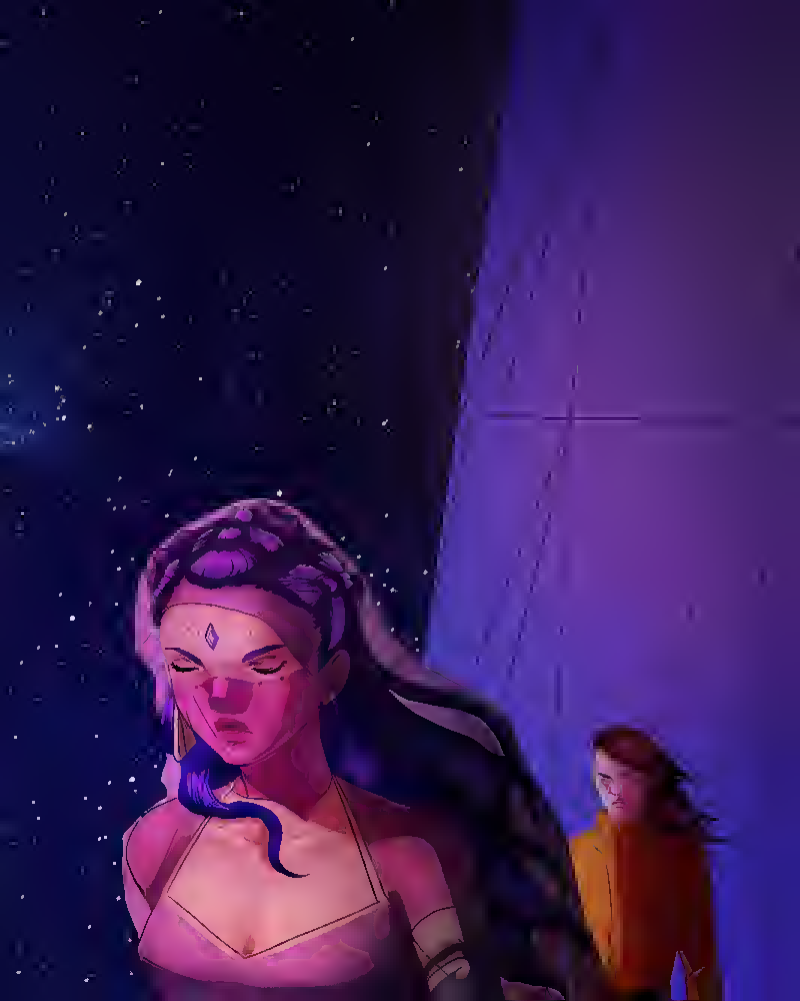

I am rather fluent in another.


The body's language.

Down boy.
Do you wish me to stop?

SATOR
AREPO
TENET
OPERA
ROTAS
My wish,
your grace,

...is to make you my last.



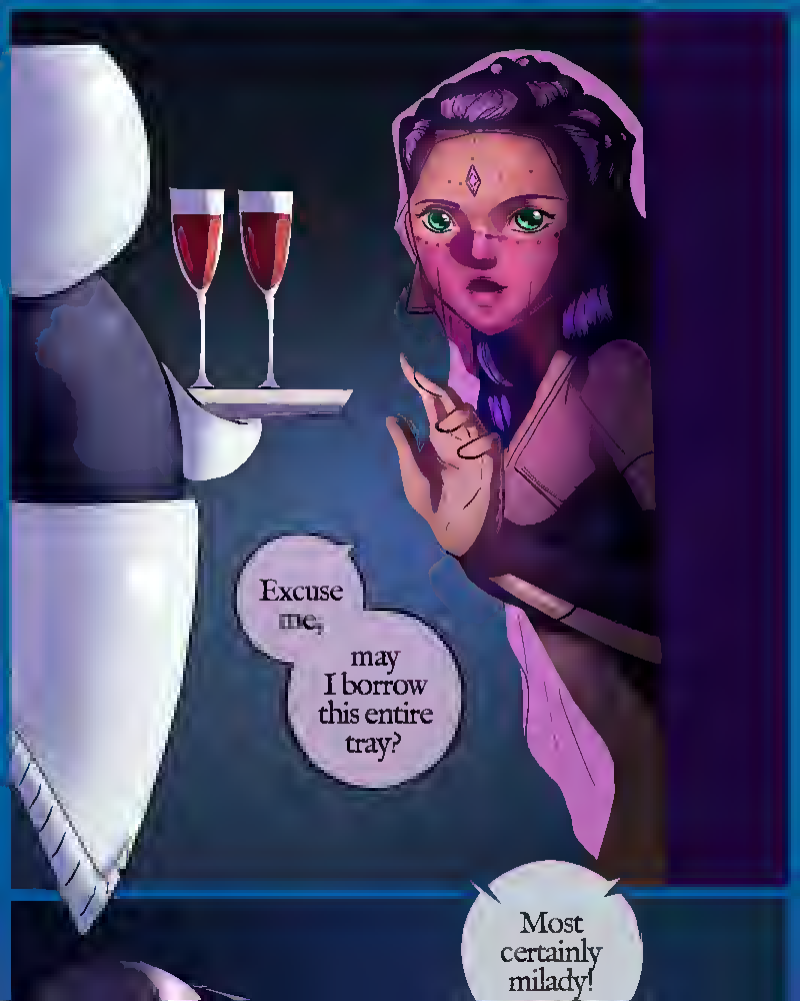
Mom? Can you hear me?
I can sense you close by.

Yes! Your voice sounds clearer.
Do you know where you are?

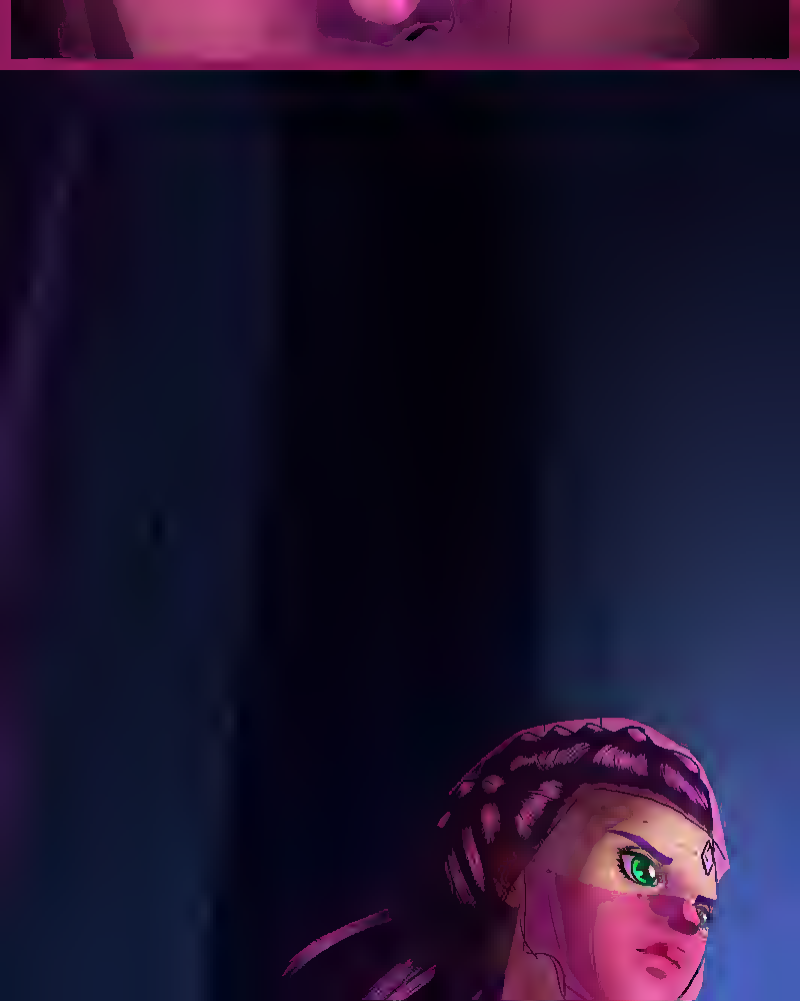
I'm in a room, down a checkerboard hallway.
Is the door unlocked?
Yes, but be careful!
Raven Core Knights are cloaking outside.

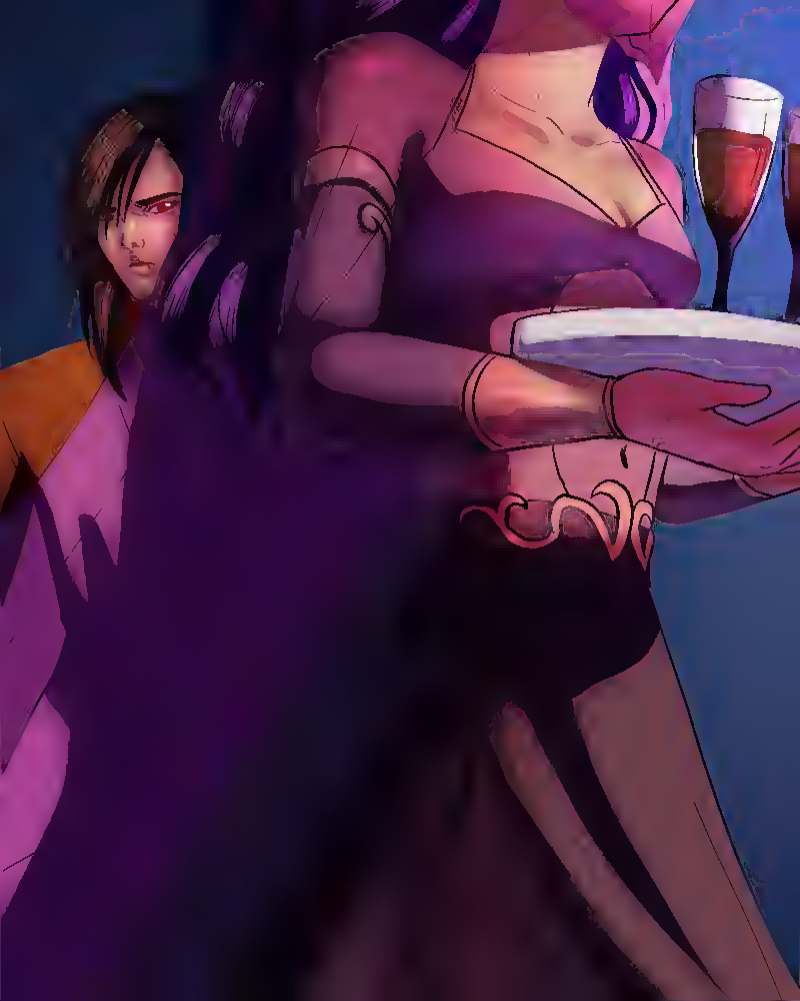
Great...

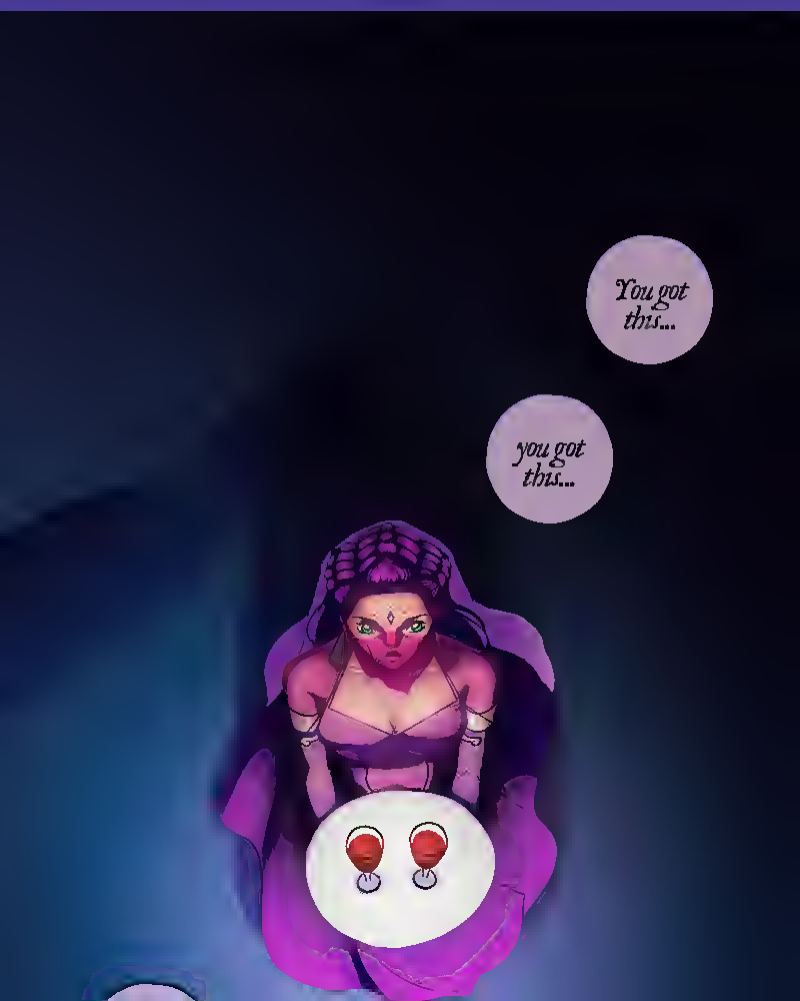
...at least
I can see their
shadows.

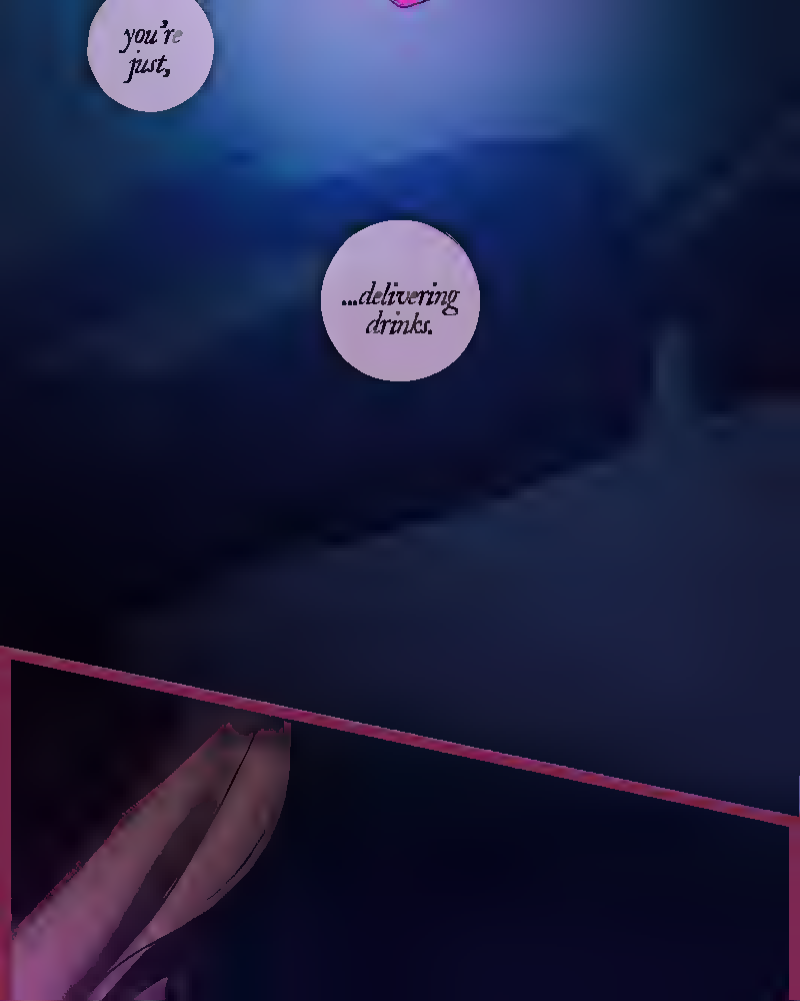

Excuse me, may I borrow this entire tray?
Most certainly milady!

You got this....





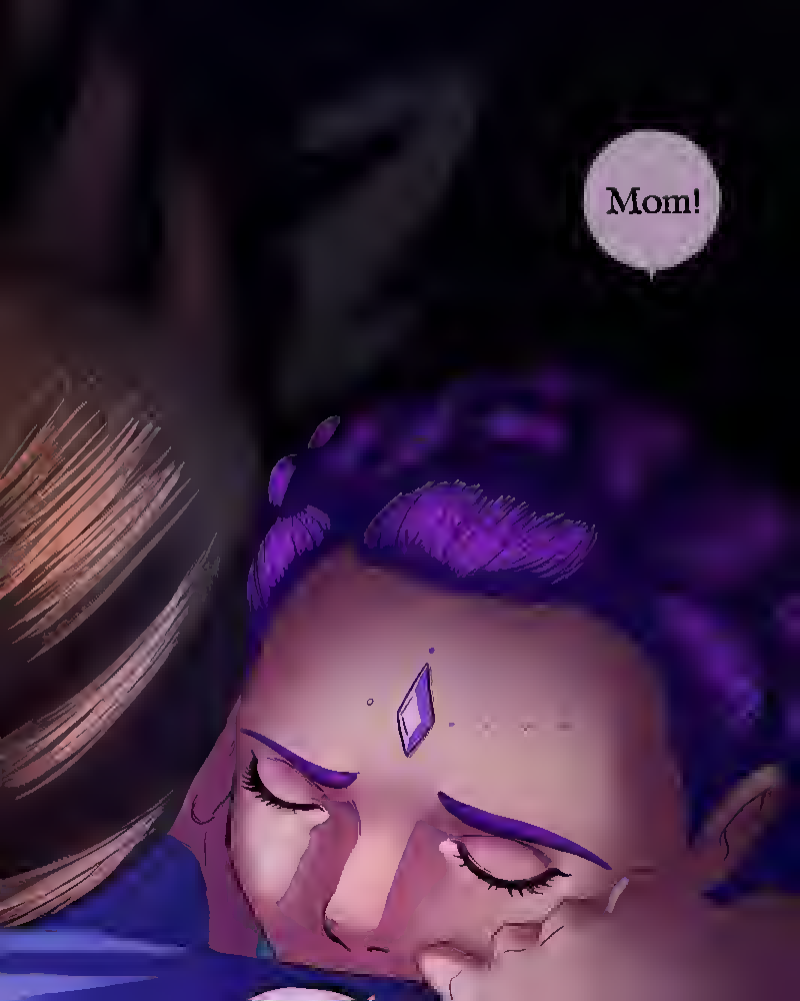

You got this...
you got this...


you're just,
...delivering drinks.

My lady,
I have evening refreshments

May I please enter?

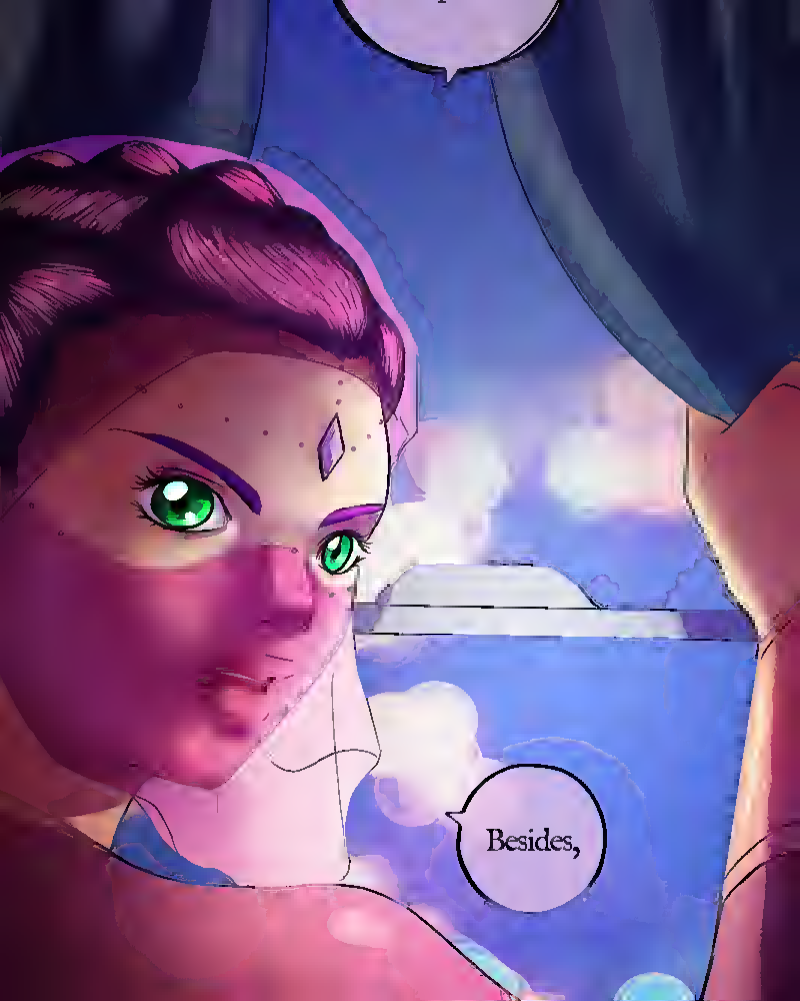
My baby!


Mom!

Thank God, you're not hurt.
You can't stay here.
Leave while you can.
Don't worry about me,
I'll

figure a way out.
I'm not leaving you here with Ash!
He won't hurt me.
Prisoners of war are treated ethically here.

I'll be fine.
Well Mom, the situation has changed.
It's a really long story,
and I don't have a lot of time to explain it.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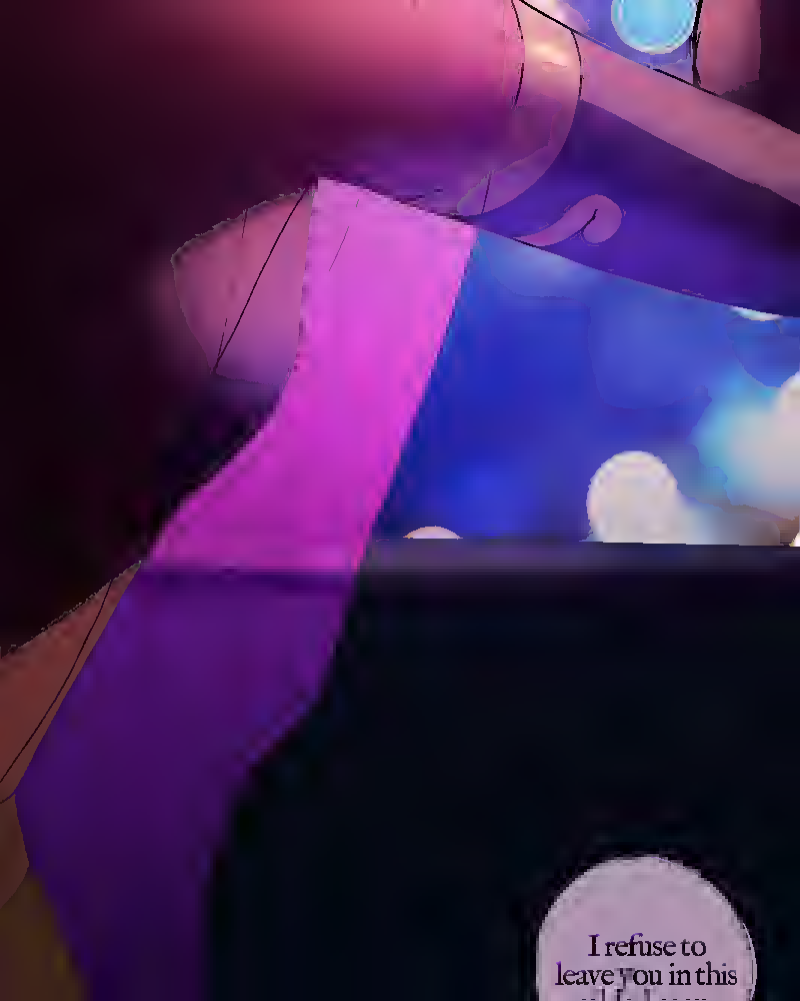
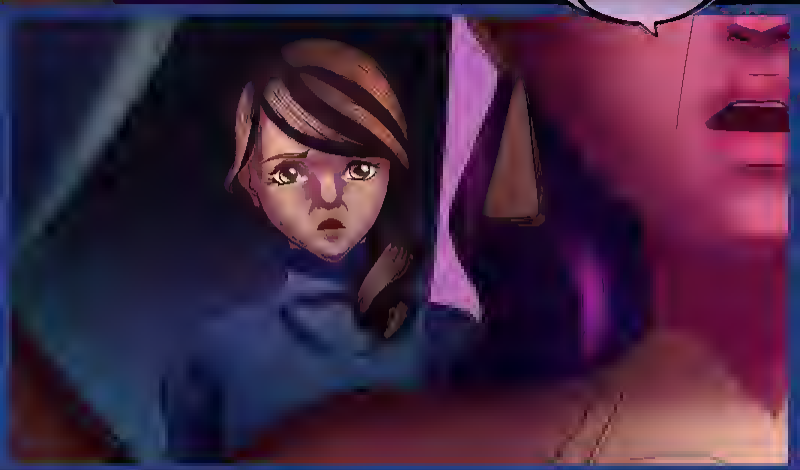

I refuse to
leave you in this

gilded cage.



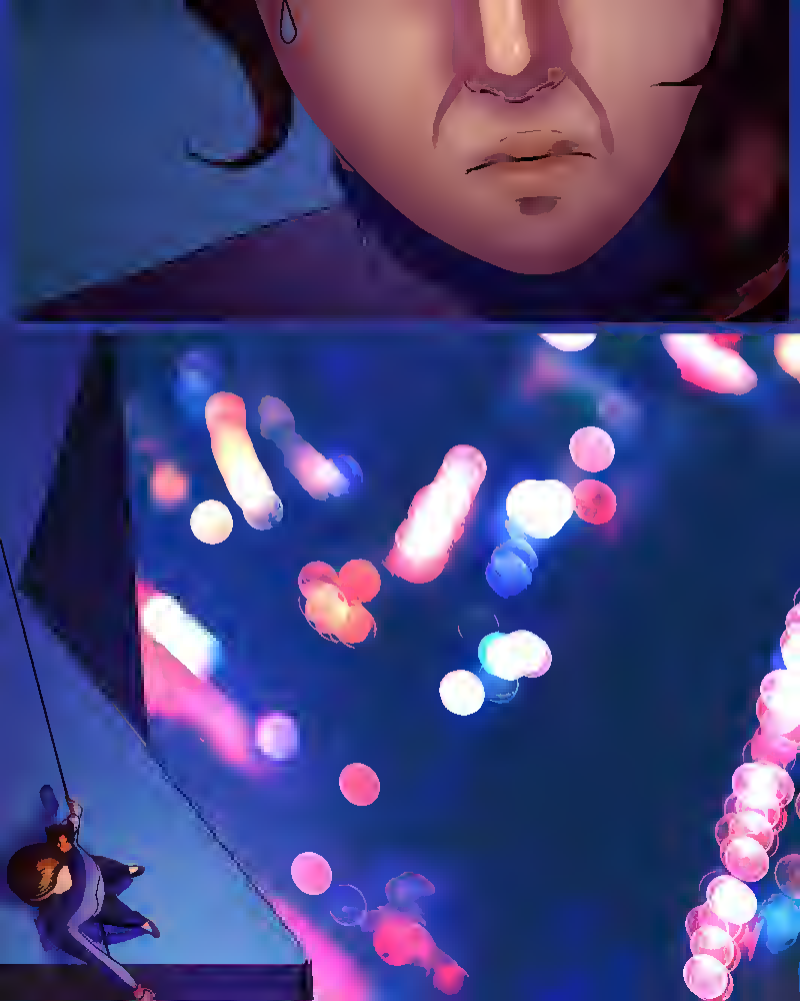
Flo, could Icarus map out an escape route from here?

Security is tight around your area.

Looks like the only exit, is to climb out the window to cross the bridge.
I figured, alright then.

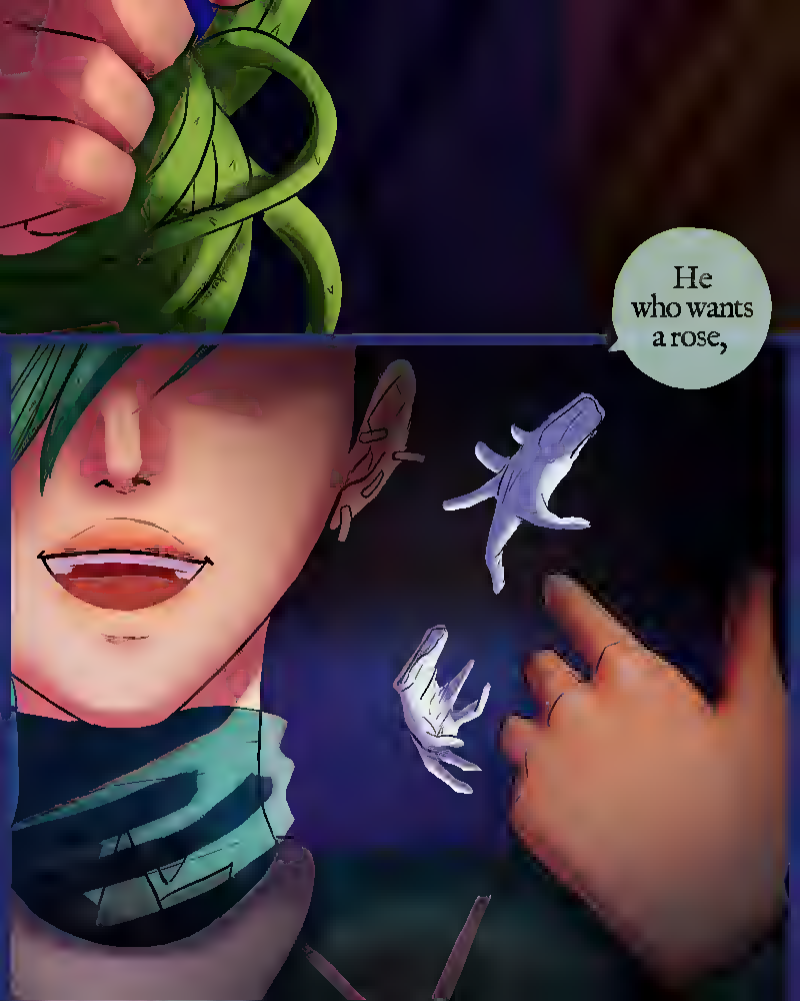
Lead the way.
Mom.

We can do this!



What?!

Your highness, did you not know?


He who wants a rose,

...must
respect the
thorn.

Arrrrgh!!!

You bitch!!!

A female dog?
hah You flatter me monsieur!

Ava, let's go home!
Alright, Terra!
Go down the hall, make a left!

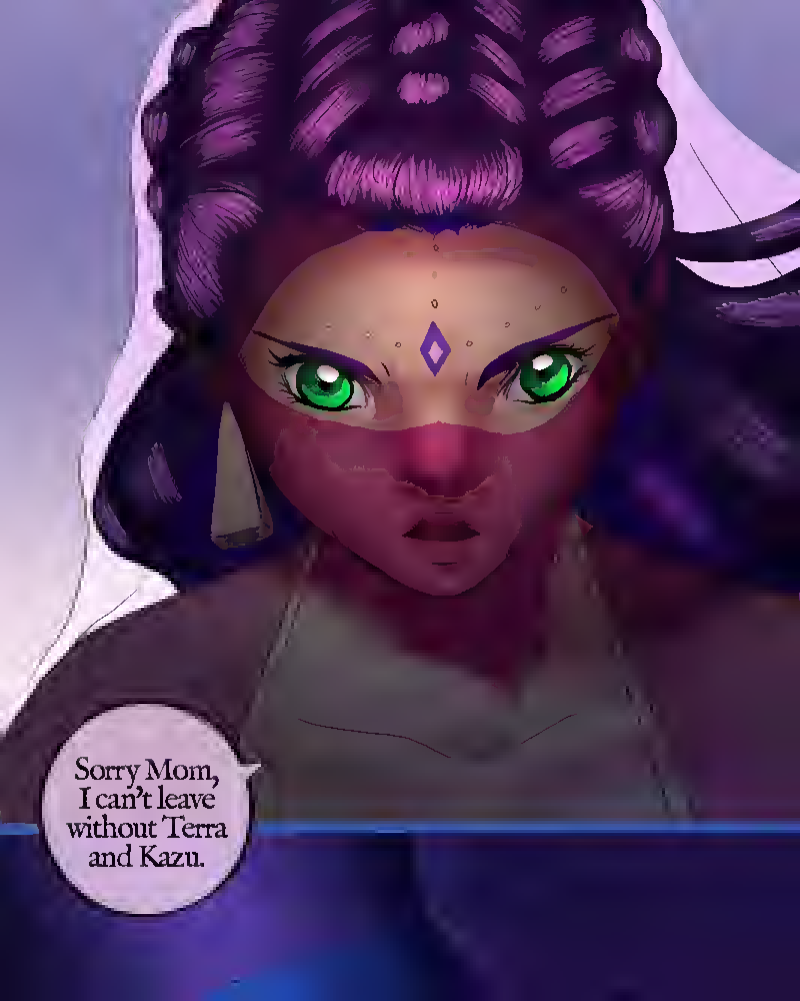
MIRA

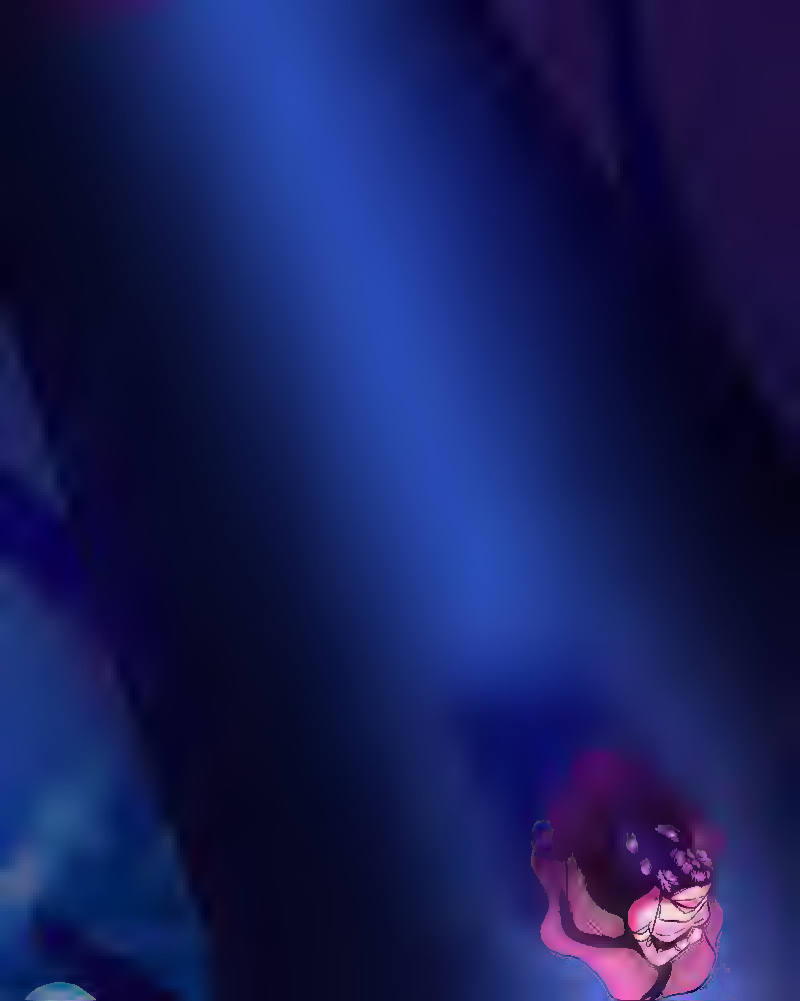
Flo, where's Kazu and Terra?
We're *kind* of in a time crunch.

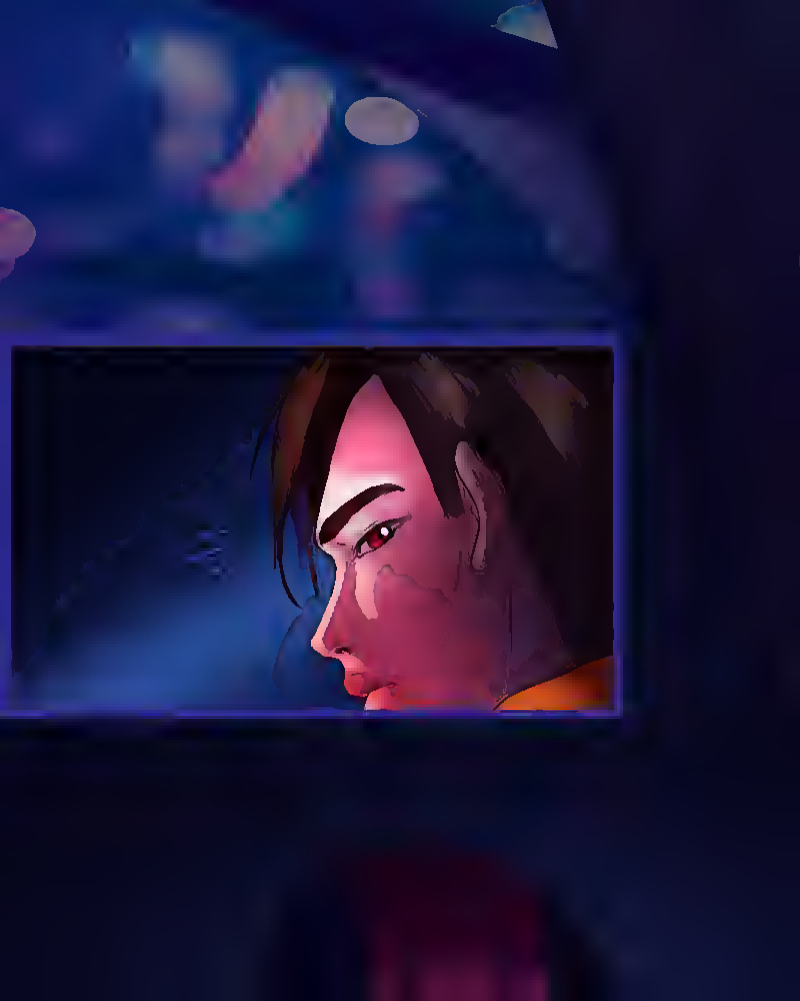
Um... Rhea, there's been a situation...

Mom stay inside.
Icarus, wait here, if someone

comes, leave!
Keep her safe!
That's an order.
Rhea come back!


Sorry Mom, I can't leave without Terra and Kazu.



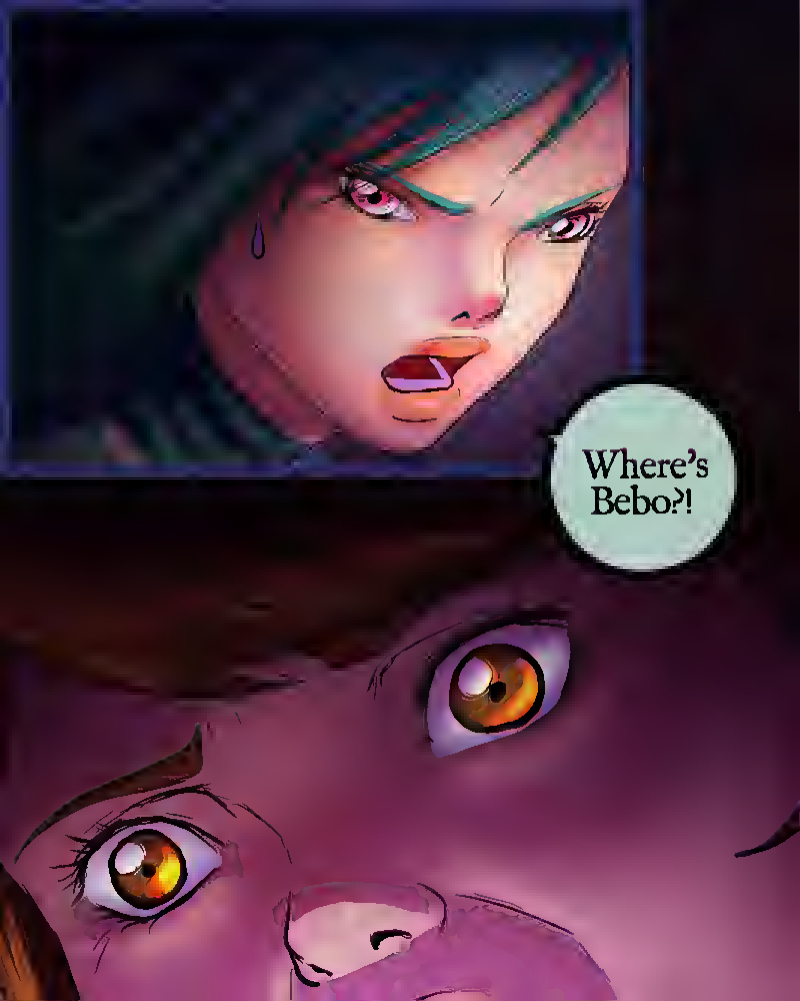


What happened?!

Can I tell you later?
A little busy running for my life right now.

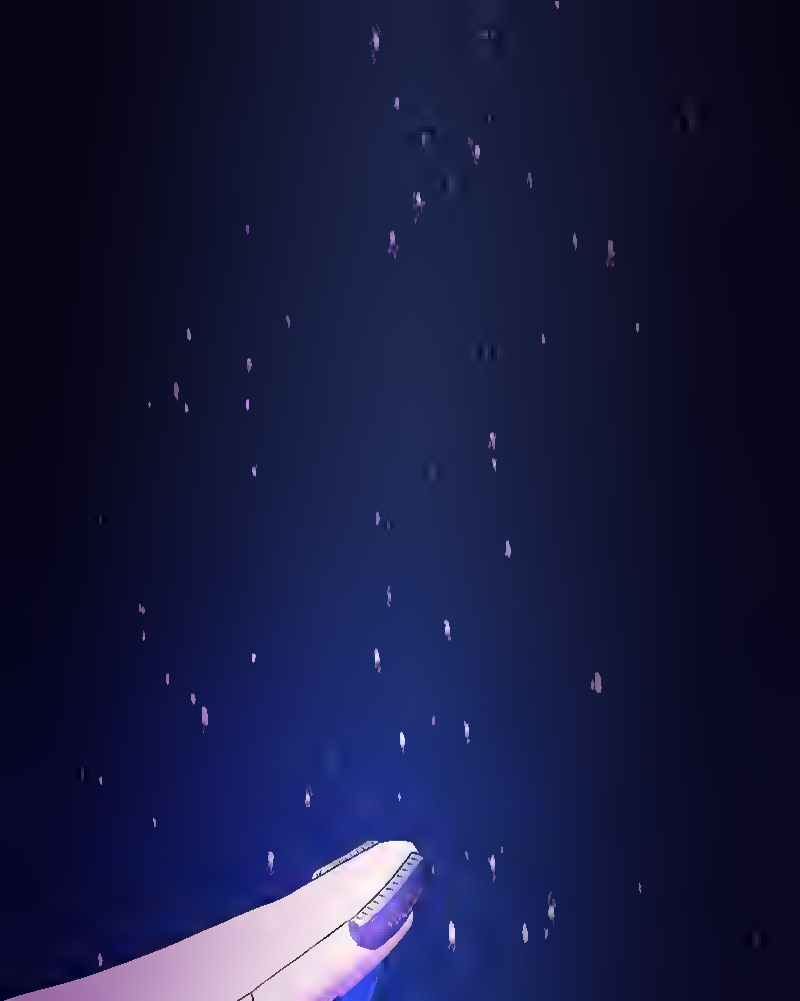
This way!
Rhea!

We're almost there.


Where's Bebo?!

BANG BANG

BANG
BANG



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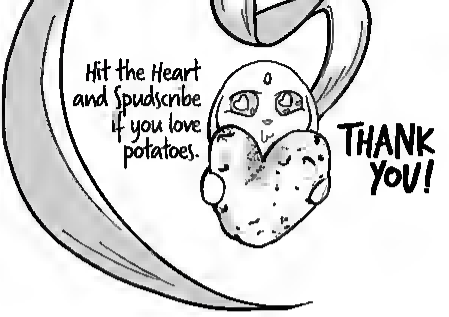

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